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PRESS ADVISORY

JOINT DC COURTS/DC BAR CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON THE D.C. LEGAL SYSTEM'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES

The D.C. Courts and the D.C. Bar will hold their biennial joint conference next Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 2006. Judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals and Superior Court and members of the D.C. Bar will meet with attorneys and community members to assess the local legal system's emergency preparedness.

WHAT: D.C. Courts-DC Bar Biennial Conference
Topic: "State of Emergency: Is the District's Justice System Prepared?"

WHERE: **International Trade Center** (the Ronald Reagan Building)
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Amphitheater

WHEN: **Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31, 2006**

WHO: Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals
Chief Judge Rufus G. King, III, Superior Court of D.C.
D.C. Bar President John Cruden
Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La)
US Attorney Kenneth Wainstein
City Administrator Robert Bobb
D.C. Attorney General Robert Spagnoletti

The conference will feature reports on the State of the Judiciary and the State of the Bar (1:45pm Thursday); a "**Lessons' Learned from other Jurisdictions**" panel discussion involving representatives from Louisiana, Florida and New York and moderated by local news anchor Maureen Bunyon (2:45pm Thursday); a panel entitled "**Disaster and Recovery - Is the District Prepared?**" with City Administrator Robert Bobb, US Attorney Kenneth Wainstein and DC Attorney General Robert Spagnoletti (9:30am Friday) and a **noon luncheon address on Friday by U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu**. Friday afternoon highlights include ten seminars and one forum program on a range of topics including jury deliberations, arbitration, the Superior Court's **Domestic Violence Unit After 10 Years**, recent developments in **Poverty Law**, the **DC Access to Justice Commission**, and several others. (2:15-4:45pm Friday)

REPORTERS PLEASE NOTE: Full details of the event are available at www.dcbbar.org/conference/itinerary.cfm. Media passes are available with some restrictions on photography and live feeds.

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